

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 8-25 as follows:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops, by means of which each time at least three weft yarns ~~(14), (15), (22)~~ are inserted above one another at a respective insertion level on a face-to-face weaving machine during successive weft insertion cycles, an upper ~~(12)~~ and a lower backing fabric ~~(13)~~ being woven from respective backing warp yarns ~~(16), (17), (18), (19)~~ and backing weft yarns ~~(14), (15)~~, first and second loop weft yarns ~~(22)~~ being inserted between the two backing fabrics ~~(12), (13)~~ and kept at a distance of the two backing fabrics ~~(12), (13)~~, the first pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ being interlaced in the upper backing fabric ~~(12)~~ and forming a pile loop over at least one first loop weft yarn ~~(22)~~ alternately, second pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ being interlaced in the lower backing fabric ~~(13)~~ and forming a pile loop over at least one second loop weft yarn ~~(22)~~ alternately, and the first and the second loop weft yarns ~~(22)~~ being removed thereafter, so that two fabrics with pile loops are woven simultaneously, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a number of pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ are interlaced in the upper ~~(12)~~ and in the lower backing fabric ~~(13)~~ alternately and thereafter are cut through between the two backing fabrics ~~(12), (13)~~, so that on both fabrics also at least one zone with a cut pile is obtained.

9. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it is carried out with the help of a four-position jacquard device.

10. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to claim 8 ~~or 9, characterized in that~~ wherein with a number of pile warp yarns ~~(24), (25)~~ both cut pile and pile loops are formed.

11. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 10,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in a number of warp yarn systems a first and a second pile warp yarn are made to form together a cut pile over the same weft yarns in order to create pile points with a double pile, and in that for at least one zone of the fabrics the proportion between the number of pile points with a double pile and the number of pile points with only one single pile is determined as a function of the pile density desired.

12. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 11,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein upper ~~(5)~~ and lower spacers ~~(6)~~ are carried out as a rigid element and, extending in the warp direction, are provided between the said backing fabrics ~~(12), (13)~~, and in that the first and the second loop weft yarns ~~(22)~~ are inserted between the said upper ~~(5)~~ and lower spacers ~~(6)~~, because of which they are kept at a distance from the upper ~~(12)~~ and the lower ~~(13)~~ backing fabric respectively.

13. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the said spacers ~~(5), (6)~~ are carried out as a rigid element with a first part ~~(5e), (6e)~~ to form loops and a second part ~~(5B), (6B)~~ linking up with it, in that the vertical intermediate distance between the first parts ~~(5e), (6e)~~ of the upper ~~(5)~~ and the lower spacers ~~(6)~~ is shorter than the vertical intermediate distance of the second parts ~~(5B), (6B)~~ of the upper ~~(5)~~ and the lower spacers ~~(6)~~, and in that during weaving, the said weft insertion device ~~(2), (3), (4)~~ inserts weft yarns ~~(22)~~ between the said second parts ~~(5B), (6B)~~ of these rigid elements.

14. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 13,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein during successive weft insertion cycles each time a backing weft yarn ~~(14)~~ for the upper backing fabric ~~(12)~~, a backing weft yarn ~~(15)~~ for the lower backing fabric ~~(13)~~, and a first and a second loop weft yarn ~~(22)~~ are inserted alternately.

15. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 14,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in a number of warp yarn systems with a first and/or a second loop forming pile warp yarn ~~(23-28)~~, also a third pile warp yarn ~~(23-28)~~ is provided, which is interlaced in the upper ~~(12)~~ and the lower backing fabric ~~(13)~~ alternately and thereafter is cut through between the two backing

fabrics ~~(12)~~,~~(13)~~, so that in at least one fabric, both a cut pile and pile loops are obtained.

16. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in at least one fabric, with respect to weft yarns ~~(14)~~,~~(15)~~ inserted during successive weft insertion cycles, a third pile warp yarn ~~(23)~~,~~(24)~~,~~(25)~~ is interlaced over a backing weft yarn ~~(14)~~,~~(15)~~ alternately to form cut pile legs and a first or a second pile warp yarn ~~(23)~~,~~(24)~~,~~(25)~~ forms a pile loop over a loop weft yarn ~~(22)~~, so that in at least one fabric a zone with a pile loop and two cut pile legs is obtained.

17. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 16,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in at least one zone of at least one fabric all pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ are woven in, so that the backing fabric ~~(12)~~,~~(13)~~ is visible from the pile face of the fabric.

18. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 17, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in at least one of the fabrics a number of pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ is interlaced in the backing fabric ~~(12)~~,~~(13)~~ and bent on the pile face over at least one backing weft yarn ~~(14)~~,~~(15)~~ alternately, so that also at least one zone with a ribbed structure, more particularly a false bouclé, is obtained.

19. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 18,~~

~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in at least one of the fabrics a number of pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ is interlaced in the backing fabric ~~(12), (13)~~ and floating along the pile face, runs over several backing weft yarns ~~(14), (15)~~, so that also at least one zone with a flat fabric surface is obtained.

20. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 19,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in the backing fabrics tension warp yarns ~~(20), (21)~~ are provided and in that dead pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ are woven in ~~in~~ one or both backing fabrics ~~(12), (13)~~, either running along with the tension warp yarns ~~(20), (21)~~ or floating along the pile face over one or more backing weft yarns ~~(14), (15)~~.

21. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 20, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein in a number of warp yarn systems two pile warp yarns ~~(23), (28)~~ are interlaced in opposite phase in the upper ~~(12)~~ and the lower backing fabric ~~(13)~~ alternately and thereafter are cut through between the two backing fabrics ~~(12), (13)~~, so that also at least one zone with a cut pile is obtained.

22. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 21,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein tension warp yarns ~~(20), (21)~~ are provided in the backing fabrics, and in that the pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ are interlaced over at least one backing

weft yarn ~~(14)~~,~~(15)~~, which has been woven in on the back with respect to the tension warp yarns ~~(20)~~,~~(21)~~.

23. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 22,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein tension warp yarns ~~(20)~~,~~(21)~~ are provided in the backing fabrics, and in that the pile warp yarns ~~(23-28)~~ are interlaced over at least one backing weft yarn ~~(14)~~,~~(15)~~, which has been inserted on the pile face with respect to the tension warp yarns ~~(20)~~,~~(21)~~.

24. (currently amended) Method for weaving fabrics with pile loops according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 23,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein pile warp yarns are used which shrink after having been cut through.

25. (currently amended) Fabric with pile loops,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises at least one zone with a cut pile and is manufactured according to a method according to ~~anyone of the claims 8 to 24~~ claim 8.